

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1977
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1977, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FLOOD MITIGATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

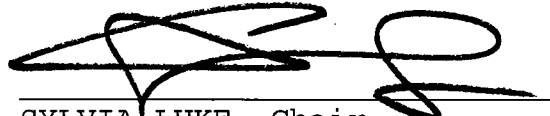
The purpose of this measure is to require the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to develop strategic regional flood plans, to become effective December 31, 2020, that address flood mitigation, flood water retention, flood diversion, and catastrophic floods and to submit a report of its progress in developing the plans to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2019 Regular Session.

The Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii and a concerned individual supported this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, and Sierra Club of Hawai'i provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1977, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



